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SUBJ: BOGTA MTG OF FORNMINS

1. THE BOGOTA MTG IS DUE TO OPEN OFFICIALLY TOMORROW NOV 14. FONMIN VAZQUEZ HAS DURING THE PREPARATORY PHASE, MANAGED TO KEEP THE MTG LARGELY WITHIN THE GUIDELINES THAT HE DESCRIBED TO CHARGE AT THE OUTSET OF THE PROJECT. TO DATE THE CONFERENCE HAS SKIRTED ISSUES THAT COULD LEND THEMSELVES TO A LATIN-US CONFRONTATION. THE DELS APPEAR HEADED FOR A SOMEWHAT INCONCLUSIVE SORTING OUT OF ISSUES FOR LATER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE U S WE KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT VAZQUEZ IS CONCERNED. HE TOLD CHARGE OV 12 THAT WHILE WORKING GROUPS WERE FUNCTIONING REASONABLY WELL AND THAT THUS FAR NO ONE HAD FELT NEED FOR CONFRONTATION, HE WAS WORRIED THAT SOME DELS WOULD EXPRESS PUBLICLY DISBELIEF THAT THE US WAS INTERESTED IN LA. WE HAVE HEARD REPEATEDLY IN LOCAL CIRCLES THAT BECAUSE OF U S PREOCCUPATION WITH CRISES IN OTHER PARTS OF WORLD PLUS OUR DOMESTIC PROBLEMS WE CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO LA.

2. THEREFORE WE BELIEVE DEPT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER GIVING SOME FURTHER INDICATIONS OF THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO LA DIALOGUE. IDEAL FROM POINT OF VIEW OF VAZQUEZ AND THE MODERATES  
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WOULD BE THE RECEIPT FROM THE SECY OF A NON SUBSTANTIVE MSG

OF GREETING TO THE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS. SUCH A MSG WOULD COUNTER THE WIDESPREAD FEELING IN BOGOTA THAT LA DOES NOT COMMAND HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION WITHIN THE USG. THAT THE MSG CAME FROM ASIA IN THE MIDST OF A CRUCIAL AND DEMANDING TRIP WOULD LEND CREDENCE TO OUR PROTESTATIONS OF DEEP INTEREST IN LA AND ITS PROBLEMS. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE FOR ASST SECY KUBISCH TO RESPOND TO A QUESTION FROM A REPORTER IN A MANNER THAT WOULD MAKE CLEAR OUR AWARENESS OF THE CONFERENCE AND OUR HOPES FOR ITS SUCCESS.

3. BASED ON OUR CONVERSATION WITH VAZQUEZ AND OTHER FONOFF OFFICIALS, WE BELIEVE THAT A MSG TO VAZQUEZ ALONG THE FOL LINES WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED AT THE FONMIN MTG:

QTE. PLS ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE BOGOTA MTG OF HEMISPHERIC FONMINS.

THE TASK WHICH YOU HAVE SET IN MOTION AND IN WHICH MY ASSOCIATES AND I HOPE TO PARTICIPATE AT A LATER DATE, IS BOTH WORTHY AND CHALLENGING. THE REORDERING OF RELATIONS WITHIN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE WILL, I BELIEVE, BE A LONG AND DIFFICULT TASK. THE REWARDS OF SUCH AN ENDEAVOR, HOWEVER, RICHLY MERIT THE EFFORTS OF ALL MAERICANS.

AT THIS TIME OF CHANGE AND REEVALUTATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, WE IN THE AMERICAS ARE WELL ADVISED TO EXAMINE OUR RELATIONSHIPS SO THAT WE MAY RETAIN AND STRENGTHEN THOSE ELEMENTS THAT HAVE SERVED US WELL IN THE PAST AND WORK TOGETHER TO DEVISE SUCH NEW FORMS OF COOPERATION AS ARE NEEDED IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

THE BOGOTA MTG CAN, I BELIEVE, SERVE WELL AS THE FIRST STEP ON A LONG AND PRODUCTIVE JOURNEY TOWARD GREATER COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING IN THE AMERICAS. END QTE.

4. WHETHER WE TAKE AN INITIATIVE ALONG THE LINES DESCRIBED OR NOT, ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE FOREIGN MINS MTG WILL UNFOLD IN A MANNER BASICALLY HELPFUL TO OUR OBJECTIVES IN LA. THEREFORE OUR INTERESTS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED ADVERSELY IF WE CHOOSE TO STAY SILENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, AND FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT AN INNOCUOUS MESSAGE WOULD DISSIPATE ANY CONFIDENTIAL

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